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THE ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH for
the URBAN DISTRICT of DRIFFIELD for the year 1938.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1938.

1. General Statistics: Area (acres) 2420. Average number of persons per inhabited building 3.37. Total number of separate occupiers 1854. Rateable Value £27,019. Sum represented by a penny rate £103.

2. Extracts from vital statistics: The Registrar General estimates the resident population at 6,258.

Births. During the year there were 128 births registered (73 males and 55 females) compared with 94 (37 males and 57 females) last year. Legitimate 121 (69 males and 52 females). Illegitimate 7 (4 males and 3 females). The birth rate was 20.45 per 1000. Last year it was 15.33. For England and Wales the birth rate was 15.1 per 1000 total population. Still births in the District 2 (2 legitimate males)

Deaths. During the year there were 79 deaths (39 males and 40 females). The death rate was 12.62 per 1000. Last year the death rate was 14.67 per 1000. The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 3 (2 males and 1 female), the death rate of infants under 1 year was 23.45. For England and Wales it was 53 per 1000.

The causes of death were:-

	Total	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	3	2	1
Other Tuberculosis	1	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Diabetes	1	1	-
Cancer, malignant disease	9	8	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c.	7	2	5
Heart disease	26	10	16
Bronchitis	-	-	-
Other respiratory diseases	-	-	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	4	3	1
Congenital debility and malformation,) premature birth)	1	1	-
Senility	12	4	8
Other deaths from violence	4	2	2
Influenza	-	-	-
Other defined diseases	2	1	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	2	1	1
Other liver diseases	2	-	2
Other circulatory diseases	2	1	1
Other Puerperal diseases	1	-	1
Peptic ulcer	1	1	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	-
Deaths of infants under 1 year (Legitimate)	3	2	1
do. (Illegitimate)	-	-	-

3. Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1938.

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Scarlet Fever	5	5	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Pneumonia	7	Not known	4
Enteric Fever	2	2	-
Other diseases generally notifiable (specify disease):			
Erysipelas	5	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1938

Age periods.	<u>New cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 -	1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.
15 -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 -	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
35 -	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	.
45 -	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 and upwards	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	3	1	.	1	3	.	1	.

The efficiency of notification of Tuberculosis in the area is well maintained.

4. There are no arrangements for professional nurses. The Driffield Nursing Home is private and supplies nurses to subscribers. Two C.M.B. Nurses are now working in the District.

Maternity and Child Welfare: There is a Home in Driffield with 12 beds for lying-in cases. There is also a Maternity Ward in the Driffield Public Assistance Institution.

Tuberculosis Clinics: Clinic belonging to County Council available twice a week in Beverley.

Mental Diseases Clinic: Weekly at East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley.

Orthopaedic cases: Clinic fortnightly at Maternity Home, Driffield.

Venereal Diseases treated in Hull Royal Infirmary and York County Hospital free of charge.

Bacteriological Examinations carried out at the Clinical Research Association, London, and Scarborough North Riding Laboratory.

Hospitals. The Sanatorium at Raywell belonging to the County Council is open to the district and East Riding generally. There is an Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases at Driffield open to the East Riding.

Small-pox. The County Council has a Smallpox Hospital at Shipton for the whole district. There is a Motor Ambulance kept in Driffield for cases of infectious diseases.

Ambulances: There is no ambulance service provided by the local authority; there is a good voluntary ambulance service connected with the St. Johns Ambulance Association of which I am Medical Officer and I am of opinion, considering the small area of their district, that this is not inadequate. In addition, a private ambulance in the town is always available.

Schools. The sanitary condition and water supply (which is from the mains of the Driffield Water Company) of the Public Elementary Schools is good.

5. Drainage and Sewerage

There has been no important extension of sewerage during the year except in cases where required in course of minor building operations. The arrangements for sewage disposal are maintained in an efficient manner and analysis of the effluent shows it to conform to the standard of the Royal Commission. The Filtration Area is maintained in a very satisfactory condition and sections of the irrigation trenches have been reconditioned during the year.

6. Water Supply

There has been no important extension of the public water supply during the year except where required to meet building operations. The water supply is good, the principal supply being from the Driffield Water Company's mains which is adequate in amount and satisfactory in quality. A recent analysis of the Company's water shows it to be a drinking water of excellent purity. Samples of water sent for analysis every three months. There about 276 pumps in the district supplied from wells or bores and the conversion of existing pump supplies to the piped supply is slow owing to the purity of the pump supply.

7. Housing

Have Building Byelaws been adopted?	Yes.
Number of new houses erected during the year	
(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	65
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts;	
(i) By the Local Authority	17
(ii) By other bodies or persons	-
<u>(1) Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year:-</u>	
(1)(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	128
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	140
(2)(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.	128
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	140
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	3
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	48
<u>(2) Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:</u>	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	12
<u>(3) Action under Statutory Powers during the year:</u>	
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) by owners	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) by owners	3
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	8
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	17
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	-
<u>(4) Housing Act 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding</u>	
(a)(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	13
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	14
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	86

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	5
(c)(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	6
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	34
<u>8. Dwellinghouses disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases.</u>	33
do. after Phthisis	4
Schools disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases	6
Privies converted to W.Cs.	12
Privies converted to Pail Closets	-
Offensive trade inspections	36
Total number of nuisances found	2
Total number of nuisances abated	2
<u>9. Water Supplies</u>	
Houses newly supplied from water mains	81
New wells made	-
New bore-wells made	-
Wells closed - water unsafe	-
Samples of water sent for examination	3
<u>10. Dairies and Cowsheds</u>	
Number of Dairies and Cowsheds in the District on Register	29
Number of cows	170
Visits to Cowsheds	36
Visits to Dairies	36
Defects found	-
Defects remedied	-
<u>11. Slaughter Houses</u>	
Number on Register	9
Number of visits to Slaughter Houses	36
Number of defects found	-
Number of defects remedied	-
<u>12. Factories</u>	
Inspections of Factories with mechanical power	48
Inspections of Factories without mechanical power	35
Inspections of other premises under the Act	1
Defects found	-
Defects remedied	-
<u>13. Common Lodging House</u>	
Visits to Lodging House	24
Number of defects found	1
Number of defects remedied	1
<u>14. Canal Boats inspected</u>	29

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(John W. Thomas)

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Medical Officer of Health.

17th June, 1939.

